

Supplementary Data

Inactivation of polyunsaturated fatty acid synthesis in the $\Delta 6$ -fatty acid desaturase deficient (*fads2*^{-/-}) mouse suppresses atherosclerosis provoked by prolonged high fat / high cholesterol diet

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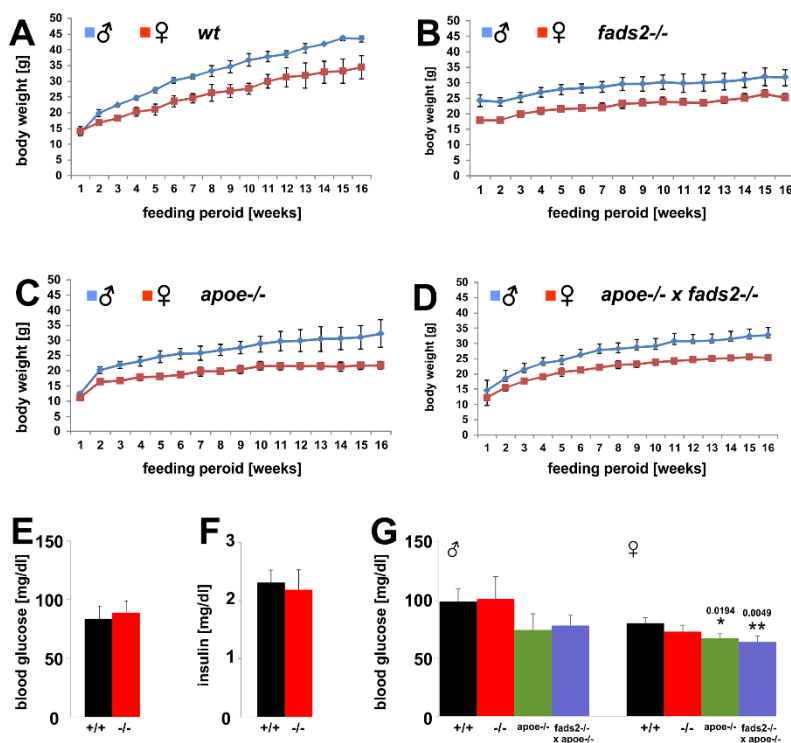
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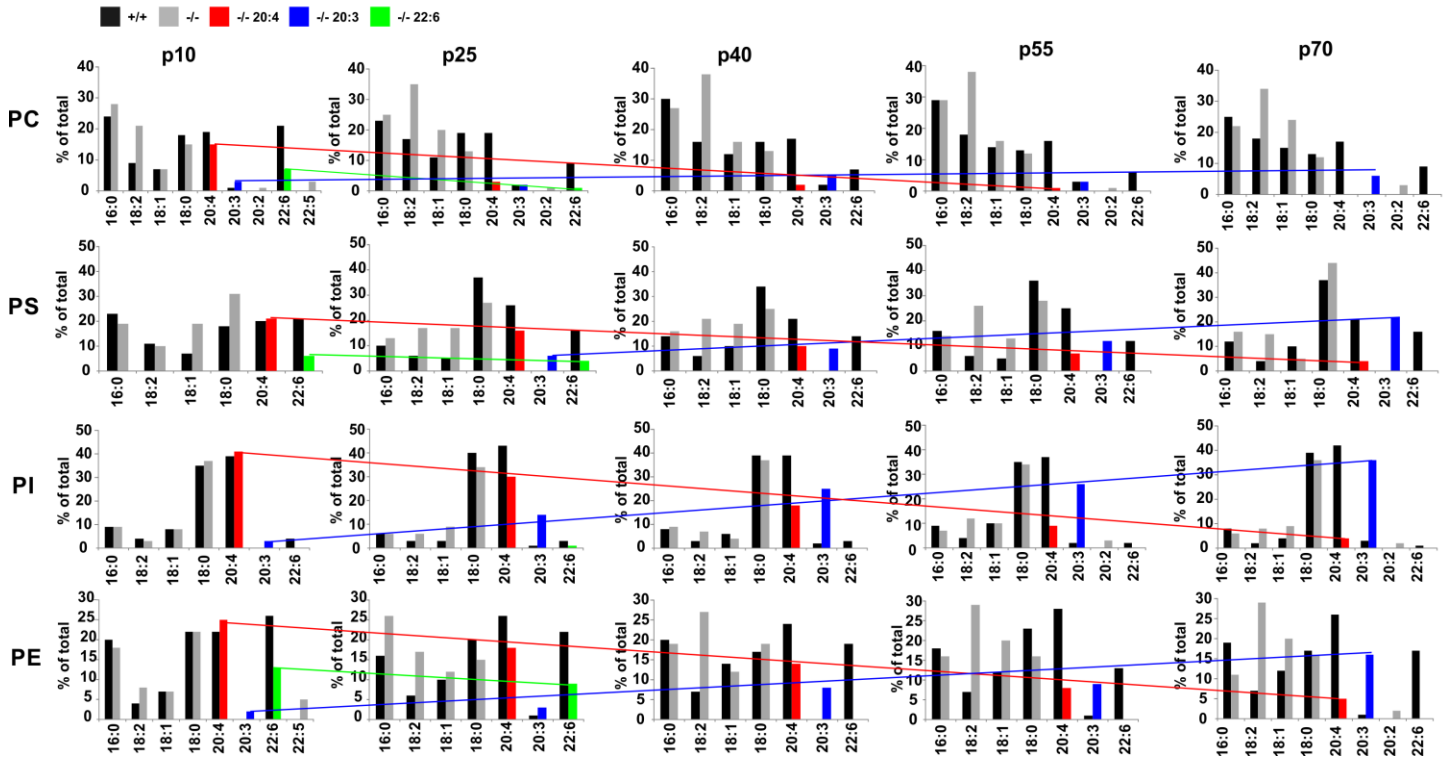
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SI Figure 1 Gain of body weight of male and female *+/+*, *fads2*^{-/-}, *apoe*^{-/-} and *fads2*^{-/-} x *apoe*^{-/-} mice during 120-days feeding period of HFHC-diet. Male and female cohorts of (A) *+/+*, (B) *fads2*^{-/-}, (C) *apoe*^{-/-} and (D) *fads2*^{-/-} x *apoe*^{-/-} mice. (E) Blood glucose and (F) insulin concentration of *+/+* and *fads2*^{-/-} mice on regular chow, (G) Blood glucose concentration of *+/+*, *fads2*^{-/-}, *apoe*^{-/-} and *fads2*^{-/-} x *apoe*^{-/-} male and female mice of over-night starved mice on HFHC-diet.

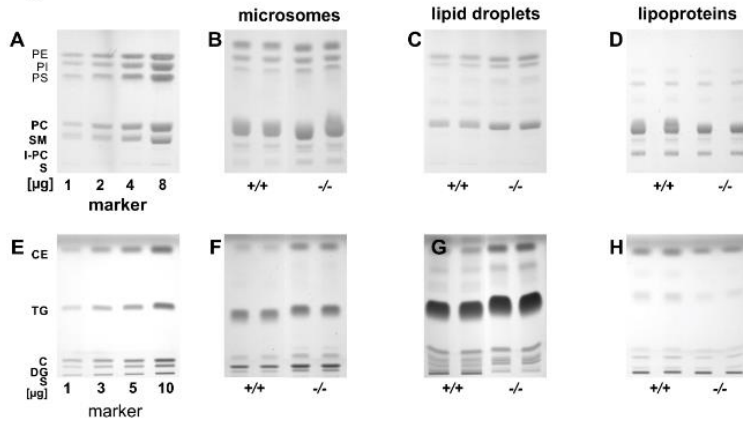
liver



SI Figure 2 Kinetics of the modification of the fatty acid pattern in the phospholipidome of liver of +/+ and *fads2*^{-/-} mice. HPTLC-separation of PL –classes and densitometric quantification of steady state concentrations of MS/MS-characterized DAG-species of liver phospholipid classes of +/+, *fads2*^{-/-}, *apoe*^{-/-} and *fads2*^{-/-} x *apoe*^{-/-} mice at p10, p25, p40, p55 and p70.

Fads2^{-/-} liver is depleted from ω 3-DHA (green bars) in all PL-classes at p30, ω 6-AA (red bars) persisted in trace concentrations and 20:3^{5,11,14} (blue bars) linearly increased to the concentration of AA of the respective PL class, particularly in PS, PI and PS in the developing *fads2*^{-/-} mice.

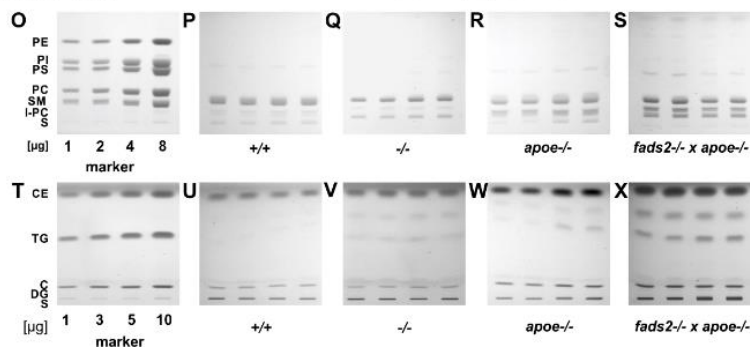
Regular chow



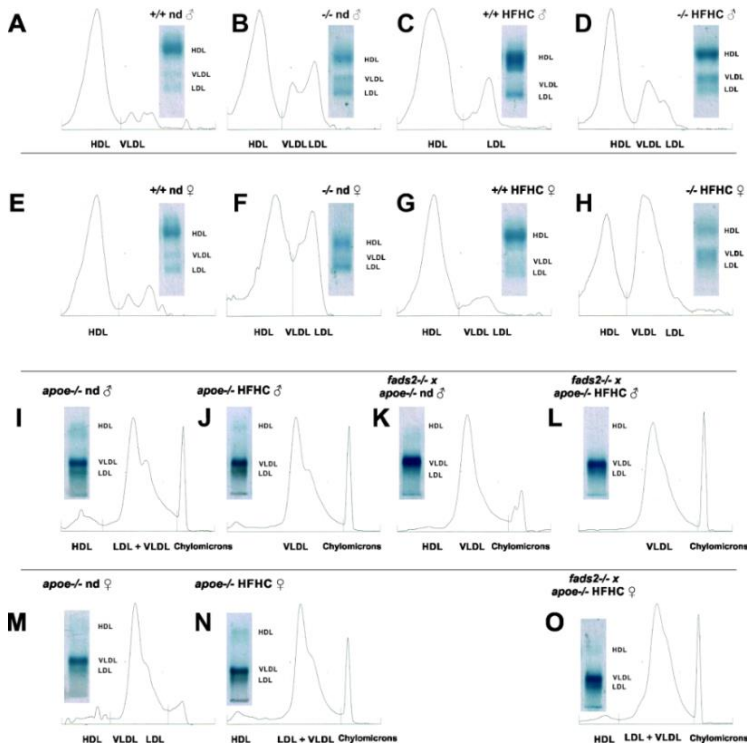
SI Figure 3 Images of densitometric quantification of charred HPTLC-separated PL (B-D) and neutral lipid classes (F-H) in total lipid extracts of liver microsomal fraction, liver lipid droplets and lipoproteins. Quantification PL (P-S and NL (U-X) of serum lipoproteins) after 120 days HFHC-diet of +/+ and *fads2*^{-/-} *apoe*^{-/-} and *fads2*^{-/-} *x apoe*^{-/-} mice after 120 days normal chow. Lipid extracts of four mice each were pooled for three analyses each. (A, D, O, T) marker lipids.

HFHC-diet

serum lipoproteins

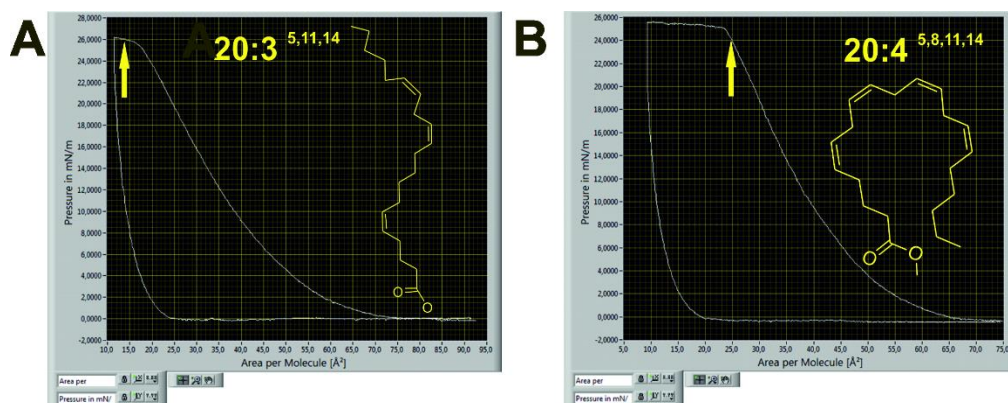


SI Figure 4 HFHC-diet causes severe changes of Lp – profiles of male and female *fads2*^{-/-} mice. Sebia HYDRASYS agarose gel electrophoresis Quantification the serum lipoprotein pattern of adult (4mo) mice on regular chow of (A) male +/+ and (E) female +/+, (B) and (F) *fads2*^{-/-}, and (I) and (M) *apoe*^{-/-}, (K) *fads2*^{-/-} *x apoe*^{-/-} male; on HFHC-diet (C) and (G) +/+ and (D) and (H) *fads2*^{-/-}, (J) and (N) *apoe*^{-/-} and (L) and (O) *fads2*^{-/-} *x apoe*^{-/-}. Cohort sizes n=3.



π -A- isotherms were recorded continuously and automatically. The teflon coated thermostated trough with the sub-phase was kept at constant temperature of 25°C. Benzene was used as solvent for spreading the monolayer on double distilled water. The synthesis and properties of 20:3^{5,11,14}, synthesized in this laboratory, have been described previously [1].

Pressure at the collapse point of 20:3^{5,11,14} was 26.00mN/m and the molecular area 12Å² compared to 25.00mN/m and 22.5 Å² of 20:4^{5,8,11,14}.



SI Figure 5 25°C π -A- isotherms of 20:3^{5,11,14} and 20:4^{5,8,11,14}. The properties of the monolayers of 20:3^{5,11,14} and 20:4^{5,8,11,14} were studied with the RK1-Standard horizontal Langmuir-type surface film balance with full analog electronic to measure pressure, area, barrier speed, temperature and data recording by computer (Riegler & Kirstein, 14467 Potsdam, Germany).

Reference

- [1] Hammels, I., Binczek, E., Schmidt-Soltan, I., Jenke, B., Thomas, A., Vogel, M., et al., 2019. Novel CB1-ligands maintain homeostasis of the endocannabinoid-system in omega3- and omega6-long chain-PUFA deficiency. J Lipid Res. 60(8):1396-1409